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CHURCH NEWS.

PREPARATIONS MADE FOR THE OBSERVANCE OF THE LENTEN SEASON.

Special services in Christ Episcopal Church—Memorial Service for Dr. George A. Paul—Men's League Dinner in Glen Ridge Church.

Lent begins on Wednesday, the 20th inst. Preparations have been made in all the local churches for the Lenten season and the pulpit topics to-morrow will have reference to the significance of the Lenten period.

During the Lenten period services will be held in Christ Episcopal Church every Wednesday evening, and on the evening of Ash Wednesday, the 21st inst., the Rev. Claudius M. Roome of New York will preach. The preacher on Wednesday evening, the 28th inst., will be the Rev. A. Augustine Elmdorf of Jersey City. On Thursday evening, March 7, the men's missionary dinner will be held and the Rt. Rev. Arthur S. Lloyd, president of the Board of Missions, will make an address. Wednesday evening, March 13, the Rev. T. Percival Bate of St. James Church, Newark, will preach; March 20 the Rev. H. H. Hadley of St. Paul's Church, Newark. March 27 the Rev. A. Douglas Miller of Glen Ridge. April 4, Maundy Thursday, the Rev. Charles C. Edmunds of the General Theological Seminary, New York. On Thursday afternoons during Lent services for children will be held.

Memorial services for the Rev. George A. Paul, late pastor of the Upper Montclair Presbyterian Church, were held in that church Sunday afternoon and were largely attended and many of the deceased minister's friends from this town were present. The Rev. Orville Reed of Trinity Church, Montclair, presided at the service and many letters of sympathy written to Mrs. Paul at the time of her husband's death were read by Mr. Reed. Among them were messages from the Newark Presbytery; Rev. Llewellyn S. Fulmer, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Montclair; George L. Robinson of a Chicago theological seminary; Rev. W. T. Wilcox, pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church; Rev. D. A. Irving of East Orange and Rev. George L. Curtis, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church.

The annual dinner of the Men's League of the Glen Ridge Congregational Church was held in the church parlors Monday night. The Rev. W. B. D. Gray of Wyoming spoke of the work accomplished in the West by Mr. W. Baker of Lander, Wyo., representative of the league in that section of the country. Other speakers were the Rev. Clarence Hall Wilson, pastor of the church; the Rev. Edwin A. White of Christ Episcopal Church, Alfred E. Hinrichs and Arthur J. Lockwood. The Rev. Dr. Hubert C. Herring of New York spoke on "Lincoln's Kinfolk."

The annual missionary service for the reception of the offerings of the Bibles Branch of Christ Church will be held in the church on Sunday, February 25, at 4.30 p. m. All members, also parents and friends, are cordially invited to be present.

An art glass landscape panel to the memory of Mr. and Mrs. David Cairns will be placed in the east window of the First Baptist Church's new edifice. "China, Our Twentieth Century Opportunity," was the subject of discussion at the meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Westminster Presbyterian Church Tuesday afternoon.

A social service evening followed the regular meeting of the Men's League of Westminster Presbyterian Church Thursday night when Wilson S. Phraner told of the work being done in the tuberculosis department of the County Hospital and Miss Z. K. Folk spoke on the work of the Friendly Service League.

At the service in the Glen Ridge Congregational Church Sunday evening four members of the Knights of King Arthur passed from the rank of Esquire to the rank of Knight.

The members of the intermediate Christian Endeavor Society of the First Presbyterian Church gave a valentine party Monday afternoon.

The regular meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union was held Tuesday afternoon, when Mrs. Clarence Hall Wilson, entertained the members of the union at her home, 187 Ridgewood avenue. Mrs. G. Sherwood Eddy, a former missionary to India, made an address on "Famous Women Converts in Foreign Lands."

The following is the order of services in the Church of the Ascension to-morrow: Holy communion, 8 a. m.;

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morning prayer, litany and sermon, 10.30 a. m.; Sunday-school, 12 m.; evening prayer and sermon, 8 p. m. Good music. Seats free. All welcome. There will be special services during Lent every Wednesday (except Ash Wednesday) at 4 p. m. and every Friday at 8 p. m., with special preachers. The preacher next Friday evening will be the Rev. F. H. Hallock of the Pro-Cathedral, Newark.

The February issue of the Newark Churchman, official organ of the Diocese, contains the following item: "Record ought to have been made long ago of the activities under the Rev. W. T. Lipton, rector of the Church of the Ascension, Bloomfield. The people in this new parish have done many things which deserve notice. Meeting all obligations, putting down cement walks about the church, putting the heating apparatus in good condition, purchasing a pipe organ and a piano, buying a lot (40x154) adjoining the church property, paying for stone walk on Montgomery street, erecting road screen, etc. Such activity in this new parish may well be brought to the attention of our readers."

Conflicts With Civil Service.

East Orange discovered last Saturday that it had been breaking the law unwittingly for the last thirteen years. Steps were taken by the discoverer of the municipal wrongdoing to put an end to the irregularity. Chairman George A. Grover of the road committee of the City Council made the discovery. He was busy investigating the reports that non-residents were getting more to do in East Orange than a number of residents. He came across a law passed in 1899 forbidding the employment on public work of any kind of aliens. He was well aware of the fact that aliens have been employed in East Orange, so he issued orders to have them all discharged.

Many of the men thus forced to lose employment have worked for the city of East Orange for years. They were believed to be under the protection of the civil service act, the provisions of which were adopted a little over a year ago. If they should see fit to contest their removal it is believed they could make trouble.

The law discovered by Mr. Grover is still in force according to a letter he received from the State Department. It provides a penalty of \$100 for the employing officer who puts an alien on the payroll. It is not likely that any prosecutions will follow. The violations occurred through ignorance of the law and it might be difficult now to find out just who did the illegal employment.

A Case of Suicide.

Wojciech Wrona, aged twenty-five years, a Poleander, who came to this country from Austria about ten months ago, committed suicide Sunday night by jumping in front of a Lackawanna train. His head was cut off. The police department summoned the county officials and the body was removed to Kunz's morgue in Orange. Wrona boarded with Antonia Czirka of 11 Thomas street.

That Wrona had planned suicide was indicated when Mrs. Czirka, with Policeman Blum, opened a satchel belonging to the dead man, in which was found the following note addressed to Czirka:

"The \$10 you will find in my dress suitcase, I owe you; the rest God will pay you, for I don't know what will happen to me. I am going to have a terrible death. Goodbye. Wojciech."

In explanation of the \$10 Mrs. Czirka told Officer Blum that Wrona, who had been in East Hampton, Mass., from last September until three weeks ago, had borrowed the money from her to settle up his affairs in East Orange, where he had been working for \$1 a day. Last Saturday night Mr. Czirka told the young man he had secured a job for him in East Orange and was expected to go to work Monday morning.

Fire Chiefs' Agreement.

A plan of mutual assistance in case of fires has been agreed upon by the chief engineers of the fire department of this town and the chiefs of Orange, East Orange, West Orange and Montclair by which in the event of a serious fire the chiefs will call upon each other for assistance. On the other hand, to avoid the trouble that has been had in the past when excited persons have sent needless alarms for outside help, it was agreed that in no case would the fire department of one place respond to a call from another unless asked to do so by the one in command at the fire.

Wedding Celebration Postponed.

William Stimis of Watchung avenue, Brookdale, is confined to his home with injuries sustained in a fall. On account of Mr. Stimis' illness the celebration in honor of the sixty-third wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Stimis was not held Thursday, although members of the family visited the aged man on that day.

THE ALUMNI PLAY.

A Great Success Scored in the Presentation of "What Happened to Jones," by the Members of the High School Alumni Association.

One of the most popular and enthusiastic events in the social life of the town is the annual theatrical entertainment given under the auspices of the High School Alumni Association. One of the several reasons for the great popularity of the alumni play presentation is probably that the association confines its efforts to light and animated comedy with a view to amusing its audience, and it has made a commendable success in that line of work, and on Wednesday and Thursday nights of this week another great triumph was scored in the presentation of George H. Broadhurst's amusing three-act play, "What Happened to Jones," by the following cast of characters:

Jones, Who Travels for a Hymn-book House Raymond F. Davis, '02
Ebenzer Goodby, A Professor of Anatomy George E. Jamison, '05
Antony Goodby, D. D., Bishop of Ballarat Malton G. Milliken, '09
Mrs. Goodby, Engaged to Marjorie Thomas Holder, George L. Hays, '10
A Policeman Joseph F. Mann, '07
William Bigbee, An inmate of the Sanatorium Harrison M. Guba, '07
Henry Fuller, Superintendent of the Sanatorium Robert H. Parkhill, '07
Mrs. Goodby, Ebenezer's Wife Caroline B. Langstroth, '08
Cissy, Ebenezer's Ward Jennie M. Harris, '06
Marjorie, Minerva, Ebenezer's Daughters Edith C. Barry, '08 Elizabeth D. Jamison, '06
Alvina Starlight, Mrs. Goodby's Sister Dorothy M. Barrett, '07
Helma, Swedish Servant-girl Natalie A. Bourne, '08

There was some delay in the "make ready" Wednesday night, but after the curtain rose on the first act the play proceeded smoothly to the finish. There was not a dull moment in the play, and in the intervals between the acts Professor Smith stimulated the High School orchestra to its best efforts in the rendition of some spirited and delightful music. The play was one that admitted of simple scenic effects, and as a consequence there were no tiresome delays between the acts.

Central Hall was crowded on both nights with appreciative and delighted audiences. A synopsis of the play has been previously given. Those who sustained the parts acquitted themselves with credit. Mr. Davis had a part that required continuous performance and a marvellous amount of memorizing. He got through it with remarkable skill and ability. In Ebenezer Goodby Mr. Jamison again exemplified his excellence in "old men's" parts, and in Antony Goodby, D. D., Mr. Milliken gave a fine portrayal. Mr. Hays, Mr. Mann, Mr. Guba and Mr. Parkhill in the minor male parts made good contributions to the success of the play. The feminine parts in the play were all advantageously sustained. The bright and sprightly "Cissy" of Miss Harris was one of the particularly interesting features of the performance. Miss Bourne as Helma, the Swedish servant-girl, raised one of the minor feminine parts to that of a major part in point of interest and amusement to the audience. In Alvina Starlight Miss Barrett had a difficult role to sustain, and she carried it through with great success. Miss Barry and Mrs. Jamison as Professor Goodby's daughters were characteristically feminine in their respective parts, the one a devotee of poetry and the other of metaphysical science. As Mrs. Goodby Miss Langstroth afforded delight in her management of her husband, the professor.

The play was under the direction of William S. Cannon, assisted by Harvey E. Harris, George E. Jamison, Joseph F. Mann, Raymond F. Davis and Leslie K. Williamson.

Borough Mail Delivery.

Free postal delivery is again being agitated in Glen Ridge and was the theme of discussion at a meeting of the executive committee of the North Side Improvement Association, held in the Borough Council room on Thursday night, when it was decided to make formal application to the postal authorities to have free delivery in the borough. The business annually done through the Glen Ridge postoffice exceeds \$10,000 and which entitles the borough to free delivery. A section of the south end is now receiving free delivery through the Bloomfield postoffice. Some time ago the subject was discussed with the postal authorities, who wanted to make the Glen Ridge office a sub-station of Montclair, but this the borough residents were opposed to, insisting upon a free delivery of its own.

Death of Frank Martin.

Francis P. Martin, son of Catherine E. and the late Lawrence Martin, died at Largo, Fla., on Sunday. Mr. Martin went to Florida about two years ago on account of ill health. He was forty-nine years of age and was born in this town. His body was brought to his mother's home, where the funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon and conducted by the Rev. J. O. Winner of the Park Methodist Church.

AN IMPORTANT BILL.

Relating to Street and Sidewalk Improvements in Towns—Makes It Easier for Councils to Originate Improvements—Will Help Speculative Development.

An important change in that part of the town act relating to that class of improvements, such as paving streets, laying sidewalks and putting sewers in the streets, will be made if Assembly bill goes into effect. Under the present law if the desire for any improvement originates in the council by means of the exercise of the power of resolution, it requires the unanimous vote of the council to order the improvement made. In the case of a petition of property owners for an improvement a majority vote of the council is required to make the petition effective.

Bill 168 provides that if in the opinion of a town council an improvement, such as sidewalks, street paving and sewerage seems necessary, any municipality by a two-thirds vote of the council may order the work done. The bill further provides that if more than one-half the property owners in front of whose property the improvement is to be made object the town must pay one-third of the cost.

The bill is a Montclair measure and was introduced by Assemblyman Holloway, a resident of that town, and was prepared by Robert M. Boyd, Jr., town attorney for Montclair, at the direction of the council of that town. The bill, however, if enacted, will apply to all municipalities working under the town act.

The objectors to the proposed law say that it will not leave property owners' interests well enough guarded and that improvements may be ordered for which there is no present necessity. They claim that the present law gives the council all the power it should have.

Mayor Hinck advocates the proposed new law. He says that no improvements would ever be ordered unless it was for the best interests of the town as a whole. He explains that councilmen are elected to serve the whole town and not merely the ward from which elected or some favored individual or individuals in that ward.

According to Attorney Boyd proceedings for resolutions for town improvements must be made by the council, which is the body which originates. Mr. Hinck points out the fact that it is sometimes very difficult to get all of the council members present when the ordinance is to be passed, although all may be in favor of its enactment. He referred to the fact that several much needed improvements, the plans for which originated in council, were held up for nearly a year because of the sickness of one of the council members.

School Extension Committee.

The school extension committee of the Town Improvement Association has asked that body to request the Board of Education for the use of the school buildings for evening social and recreation centres. Should this request be granted it is hoped soon to have classes for boys, girls, men and women, in various lines of instruction and amusement. It is also hoped that this work will meet the hearty approval and support of the people of the town, for if it is successful, a great benefit will be derived by the entire community.

Valentine Party.

Miss Florence K. Cadmus gave a valentine luncheon on Tuesday to a number of her friends, at her home on Willard avenue. The decorations were red and green. Those present were: Miss Helen G. Miller of Brooklyn, Miss Maidie Bernhardt of Newark, Miss Emily Seardfield of Orange and Miss Edith Barry, Miss Marion Keyler, Miss Jeannette Taylor, Miss Ruth Church, Miss Helen Constock and Miss Eucelene Wright of this town.

Death of John Liebrock.

John Liebrock of 9 Lake street died in the Mountsinclair Hospital last Saturday from a complication of diseases. He had been ill for several weeks. The funeral service took place Tuesday afternoon and was conducted by the Rev. Remi J. Buttinghausen of the Park Avenue German Presbyterian Church. Mr. Liebrock is survived by his wife and two children.

Birthday Party.

On Tuesday evening, the 20th inst., a birthday party will be held in the rooms of the Church of the Ascension. Come and enjoy your own birthday. As many come as you are years old admit you. Refreshments, music and dancing.

Police Ball.

The first annual ball under the auspices of the members of the police department will be held Monday evening in Central Hall. The proceeds will go towards the police pension fund.

Dr. C. J. Neff, Surgeon-Chiropractor, treats all feet ailments. Office room No. 2 Trust Company building.—Adv.

Boy Scout News.

About sixty Boy Scouts from the Bloomfield division B. S. A. attended the rally and drill in honor of Lieutenant-General Sir Robert S. S. Baden-Powell, founder of the scout movement, at the 71st Regiment Armory, New York city, last Saturday afternoon. About 175 troops from Connecticut, New Jersey and towns in New York were represented, the boys (about 4,000 of them) wore the regulation uniform of kakhi and carried staffs instead of rifles. One company was composed of twenty-five blind boys or those that were nearly totally blind. Each boy had a mate whose sight was good and so the company was able to march and maneuver. This company acted as escort to the General when he reached the armory and escorted him to the platform.

There were just as many events in scoutcraft to be run off as there are letters in the alphabet and they fell to, without more ceremony, five and six groups of them at once until no four-ring circus ever surpassed the armory for diversified excitement. Here were boys building a tower out of tall saplings till it stood forth high and stanch, with a boy on top hoisting an American flag, others were raising a complete wireless mast and sending messages to the platform. In another corner others were showing how to resuscitate almost drowned comrades and first aid in which our local Troop 5 had a part and received applause from the hundreds of visitors seated in the gallery. Others did signaling, lassoing, staff drill, fire drill, bridge building, throwing life line, knot tying, wall scaling, tent raising, making litters with coats, distance judging, setting up drills, pitching tents, lighting fire without matches, spear tilting, hostile spy and numerous other activities. The Chinese Troop that took part in the drill consisted of twenty strong looking boys and made a creditable showing in the drill and were in charge of Mr. Ralph Chant their scoutmaster. After the detailed demonstrations of scoutcraft were completed, came the great spectacular event of the day.

The Troops all took their places at the edge of the floor, while General Powell was escorted to the centre. The militia away from the front.

General Powell began to wind itself more closely and closely in a great spiral, march toward the centre, till all were in it and the floor was filled with the scouts. Then at a command they all squatted, which was a signal for the biggest demonstration of youthful shouting of the day. Caps went into the air like corn in a popper till at last the scoutmasters commanded silence. General Powell then addressed a few words of greeting and appreciation to the boys. "Two minutes ago," he said in his enthusiasm, "I was an Englishman. But now I am an American." From the roof at this moment unfurled a great English flag, then an American, and finally the Boy Scout banner. Again the shouts and the popcorn effect of hats. Then the spiral column rose and faced inward, making a long, winding lane over a mile in length, out of which the reviewing party unwound its way out, and the review was over.

The scout minstrel show given before an audience that filled Central Hall to its full seating capacity, under the direction of W. S. Cannon, was a successful affair. A large number of the people that attended were very much pleased with the way the boys rendered their parts, and have asked to repeat the show in the near future. The boys who took part were connected with the several different troops of this town. William Hummel was interloper, while Russell Morrison and Duane Roddy handled the tambos and Meredith Fitch and Prescott Thorpe the bones.

Those in the circle were: Elliot Dafter, John Untiedt, Nicholas Arnold, Robert Trainor, Robert Marsh, Harold Riker, Charles Hummel, Clarence Davis, Herbert Ayers, Arthur Lohr, Erwin Swan, Henry Fredericks, Garret Conover, Thornton Rice, Percival Chance, George Askin, George Buttinghausen, Carl Seibert, Wilbur Van Wagoner, Noble Colfax, Charles Simmons, Winthrop Barr, Jean Saville, Grant Bender, William Benjamin and George Lenox. Master Walter Lanks played several selections on the cornet and Miss Beatrice A. Feall, was pianist.

At the Local Scout Council meeting held Tuesday evening at the Jarvie Memorial rooms the summer camp was discussed, preparations made for a big scout demonstration this spring during the centennial celebration, also steps taken to form a troop of scouts among the boys not connected with any church or Sunday-school. There are a great many boys of this kind and a good work can be done. More volunteers will be needed, a meeting place or a hall. Any contributions for this work can be sent to Commissioner Snyder or to the Council treasurer Mr. Everett Benjamin, 129 Orchard street.

GOVERNOR INVITED

TO ATTEND THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION WERE.

The Adjutant General Will Send Troops for Military Parade—To Go Ahead with Monument Project—Busy Times in the Public Schools.

Frederick M. Davis, James W. Crisp and Eugene Le Roy Cadmus, representatives of the centennial celebration committee, met with a cordial reception at the hands of Governor Woodrow Wilson in Trenton Tuesday when they visited the Governor for the purpose of extending to him an invitation to be present and make an address at the centennial celebration to be held here in June. Governor Wilson expressed much pleasure upon receiving the invitation and said he would certainly be here either on the 10th or 11th of June.

The committee also talked with the Governor about having the First Brigade of the National Guard here to participate in the centennial parade. They were referred to the Adjutant General about that matter and that official assured them that he thought satisfactory arrangements could be made to comply with the request. Details as to transportation, music and refreshments are matters that will have to be arranged for in connection with that feature of the celebration.

It was suggested that the State would probably supply the transportation for the troops and the town furnish the music and refreshments. Essex Troop and the Gatling Gun Troop will also be included in the parade.

The monument committee is told by the finance that the prospects for raising the \$5,000 required for the erection of the soldiers and sailors' monument are very encouraging and it is expected that the order for the memorial can be given in time to have it erected by June 1. The Ogdenburg, N. Y., design of a monument has been adopted by the committee and the Monument Association of Ogdenburg has consented to a duplicate of that city's monument here.

Enthusiastic interest in the approaching centennial celebration is being manifested by the public schools.

The Women's Auxiliary are all busily engaged with plans for the celebration. In addition to the general school exercises, each separate school will be represented by some individual feature. The finance committee held a meeting last night and received reports from several of the other committees as to the amounts of money required for various features of the celebrations.

Another Hearing.

Another public hearing on the Morris canal abandonment bill will be held by the Senate committee on railroads and canals at the State House in Trenton. This was requested by the municipalities and individuals who did not have time to complete their suggestions at the two hearings already held.

The State's representatives, ex-Judge Van Syckel and Attorney General Wilson, who drafted the bill with the advice of Governor Wilson, have had the opportunity to answer questions about it and explain all its provisions which were not fully understood. They have demonstrated the advantages that abandonment will bring to the communities along the line of the canal and to the State as a whole.

A number of amendments have been proposed and are being considered by the legislative committee. Many of these have to do with the manner of sale of the canal bed and the disposition of it after the sale. These matters, however, are entirely in the hands of the State Commission, the object of the present measure being merely to effect the abandonment and to define the terms thereof.

The terms defined in the bill were fixed by the State through the commission appointed by the Legislature—Governor Wilson, ex-Judge Van Syckel and Attorney General Wilson—and were agreed to by the railroad company that is now lessee of the canal. The bill compels the company to buy and pay for all the stock and bonds of the canal company and to pay \$515,000 in cash to the State, a total of more than \$4,000,000 in cash; to give the State about 3,000 acres of land and to transfer to the State all its water rights, valued by the State's agents at \$5,000,000. The State and the company divide equally the proceeds of the sale of the middle division of the canal between Paterson and Fiddie's Elbow in Jersey City.

As to the wisdom of abandoning the canal there seems to be practically no difference of opinion. Whatever may be true of canal transportation in general, this particular waterway, climbing over a range of mountains by dozens of locks and planes, has been proved hopelessly out of date and uneconomical. The only question of interest to the Legislators is that of terms, and the terms in the present bill were fixed by the Legislature's own commission.